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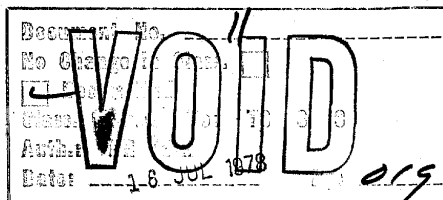
1. The Chinese Communists have begun to implement their previously announced plans to form a marine corps of three divisions totaling 30,000 men during 1951. They have decided to establish regiments of from 2,700 to 3,000 officers and men during the period of organization and training.
2. By 15 March the Marine Corps Headquarters had been established with WANG Hung-k'un (王洪坤) as commander and LIANG Ting-k'un (梁鼎坤) as deputy commander. Six regiments, each having over ten Soviet advisers and technicians, had been established, and plans for three more, which will probably be in Central and South China, had been made.
3. Strength and distribution of regiments already organized are as follows:¹

1 Regiment	Dairen	3,000
2 Regiment	Port Arthur	2,500
3 Regiment	Tsingtau	2,500
4 Regiment	Tsingtau	2,800
5 Regiment	Nanking and Shanghai	3,000
6 Regiment	Foochow and Amoy	3,000

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